

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that patentable subject matter is present in claims 12-14, 18-24, 27 and 33. Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations from original claim 18, now canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 19. Claim 19 has been amended to delete the original limitation which has been added to present claim 1. Claim 32 has been amended to include limitations from original claim 33, now canceled, and to conform to present claim 1. Claim 5 has been editorially amended to number the strings. Claims 19, 20 and 23 have been amended to recite the present dependence. Accordingly, claims 1-17, 19-32, 34 and 35 are presented for further consideration.

Claims 12-14, 18-24, 27 and 33 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 18 (as well as limitations from claim 19). Claim 32 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 33. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 32 now define allowable subject matter, and that all present claims dependent on claims 1 and 32 likewise define allowable subject matter. Passage to issue of all present claims is earnestly solicited.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that all present claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



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